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Conventions. Pages 68-72 give the executive (gubernatorial) journals, 72-79, Governor's Letter Books, and 79-80 Executive Minutes.

80-81 include various civil lists (justices, &c.), 1775-1860, while 81-93 are devoted to the very valuable military records. These include the ten priceless volumes relating to the conquest of the Northwest Territory, a collection, which is almost unknown, and whose value to the historian can hardly be over estimated. It is to be hoped that this great collection will soon be placed by the Library in such condition as to be easily consulted by students. The original papers were placed in these volumes, probably at the time the commissioners made their final report, and are arranged in a most disorderly way.

94-101 contain lists of the transcripts from the county records, Accomac, Elizabeth City, Essex, Henrico, Old Rappahannock, Surry, York and Warwick (none complete) and a tentative statement of the records existing in the various counties. No accurate statement will ever be obtained in regard to the latter without a special inspection. The county clerks, as a rule, are too indifferent and have too little knowledge of the records in their custody for their reports to be of much value.

The volumes of Auditor's accounts which are in the Library are listed on pages 101-105. The thirty-eight folio volumes covering the period 1775-91 are of great value in regard to the Revolution.

Omitting matters of minor interest, we come to the abstracts and transcripts from English public records, the calendar of which begins on page 112 and continues to the end of the book. Among these is the calendar of the Sainsbury Abstracts, which notes each document in the twenty volumes of that collection. It is true that the documents in this collection are also included in the English Calendar of Colonial State Papers (as far as that publication has been issued), but it should be borne in mind that the Sainsbury Abstracts are on the average, one-third fuller than those published by the English authorities—a very important matter in ascertaining the sense and contents of a paper.

In addition there are calendars of the copies in the McDonald, De Jarnett, Winder and other collections of papers.

It will be seen from this brief summary that this volume must prove an indispensable guide for all work in Virginia history.

THE PLANTING OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA. Prior to the Organization of Winchester Presbytery, December 4, 1794. By James R. Graham, D. D., Pastor Emeritus of the Presbyterian Church in Winchester, Va. Winchester, The Geo. F. Norton Pub. Co., 1904, pp. 167.

No one could have been better adapted than Dr. Graham to write the history of the founding of Presbyterianism in the lower Shenandoah Valley, and in Northern Virginia generally. He has investigated

thoroughly all remaining sources of information and has weighed his evidence carefully. After treating of the settlement of Presbyterianism in the lower Valley (which he places as early as 1720), the author takes up the various Churches in the order of their organization, Potomac, Opequon, Bullskin, South Branch, Cedar Creek, Tuscarora, Back Creek, Cape Capon, Falling Waters, Patterson's Creek, Shepherds-town, &c., in the various counties which came within the limits of his work.

The book contains a great deal of valuable and interesting historical and biographical matter, and should have a place in all collections relating to Virginia.

LOPEZ'S EXPEDITIONS TO CUBA, 1850 AND 1851. By Anderson C. Quisenberry, member of The Filson Club, author of "The Life and Times of Humphrey Marshall" [&c., &c.]. * * * Illustrated. * * * Louisville, Ky., 1906, Filson Club Publications No. 21, pp. 172.

Col. Durrett says, in his introduction, "I am not familiar with any previous work in which these expeditions have been so fully and faithfully recorded." As Kentuckians bore such a conspicuous part in these once noted attempts, it is suitable that a Kentuckian should write, and that the Filson Club should publish in its usual sumptuous manner a worthy history of them.

Mr. Quisenberry has carefully investigated all available sources of information and has prepared a work of real interest and value. It is handsomely illustrated with portraits and maps.

GENEALOGIES OF THE LEWIS AND KINDRED FAMILIES. Edited by John Meriwether McAllister, Atlanta, Ga., and Lura Boulton Tandy, Columbia, Mo. Columbia, Mo., 1906, pp. 416, with index. Illustrated.

This book on the various families of Lewis in Virginia, and including many connected names, is the result of years of painstaking and laborous research, and must be of much interest and value to all who are related to the families treated of. The various families of the name Lewis tracing to Gloucester county, to Zachary Lewis, 'Planter John Lewis,' and John Lewis of Henrico, Jno. Lewis of Donegal, John Lewis of Hanover, are treated of at length. Genealogies of Reade, Warner, Washington, Dr. Breuil or Dibrell, Lee, Russell, Fearn, Cobbs, Meriwether, McAllister, Boulton, Estes, Hickman, and many others also are given in varying degrees of completeness as they happen to come within the scope of the work.

The work of the compilers, one of whom, Mr. McAllister, is now dead, can be highly commended, though some may not agree with